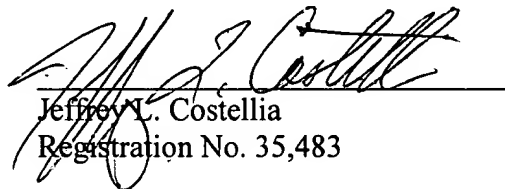


REMARKS

The Office Action of December 12, 2000 was received and carefully reviewed. Applicants Species I, that is, claims 1-5 and 7-23. In addition, Applicants also wish to add new claims 30-35 for consideration by the Examiner, which depend from claims 1, 2, 3, and new claim 32. Consequently, claims 1-35 are currently pending in the instant application.

Consideration and allowance of the instant application is now respectfully requested.

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